

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the specification, as follows:

Page 1, line 2, add the following paragraph in the form of a section heading after the title “PNEUMATIC TYRE HAVING A REINFORCED BEAD STRUCTURE” and prior to the paragraph beginning “The present invention relates to a pneumatic tyre”

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Page 1, line 2, add the following new paragraph after the heading “CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS” added above and prior to the paragraph beginning “The present invention relates to a pneumatic tyre”

This application is a national-phase entry under 35 U.S.C. § 371 from International Application No. PCT/EP2003/008193, filed July 25, 2003, in the European Patent Office, the content of which is relied upon and incorporated herein by reference.

Page 1, line 2, add the following new paragraph in the form of a section heading after the cross-reference to related applications added above and prior to the start of the paragraph beginning “The present invention relates to a pneumatic tyre”

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Page 1, line 2, add the following new paragraph in the form of a section subheading after the heading “BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION” added above and prior to the start of the paragraph beginning “The present invention relates to a pneumatic tyre”

Field of the Invention

Page 1, line 28, add the following new paragraph in the form of a section subheading prior to the start of the paragraph beginning “A tyre generally comprises”

Description of the Related Art

Page 5, line 33, add the following new paragraph in the form of a section heading prior to the start of the paragraph beginning “The Applicant has perceived that”

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 16, line 7, add the following new paragraph in the form of a section heading prior to the start of the paragraph beginning “Further features and advantages”

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Page 16, line 30, add the following new paragraph in the form of a section heading prior to the start of the paragraph beginning “Fig. 1 shows a partial cross-sectional view”

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE EXEMPLARY EMBODIMENTS

Add a new page 46 after the claims, adding the following ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE. A new, separate page 46 including the ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE is enclosed.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A pneumatic tyre includes a pair of axially-spaced-apart annular reinforcing elements and bead fillers, a carcass structure, at least one flipper, a tread band, a belt structure, and at least one pair of sidewalls. The carcass structure includes at least one carcass ply, extends between the annular reinforcing elements, and is secured at axially opposite end portions to respective annular reinforcing elements. Each end portion is turned up around the respective annular reinforcing element. Each bead filler is disposed radially outward of the respective annular reinforcing element. The at least one flipper at least partially envelops an associated annular reinforcing element and bead filler and includes a plurality of first elongated reinforcing elements that are substantially parallel to each other. The first elongated reinforcing elements include at least one preformed metallic element having a diameter greater than or equal to 0.05 mm and less than or equal to 0.25 mm.